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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

The following is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 29, 2002.

The Examiner has required restriction of the application to one of the groups of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 121. The Applicants, by their attorney, now elect the claims of group one, claims 54-66, specifically position 1-276 of SEQ ID NO: 5. Accordingly, but without prejudice to the patentability of the subject matter therein, please cancel claims 67 and 68. Favorable action is now solicited.

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